Rent hike in working women's hostels of Saket and Hauz Khas

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints regarding rent hike in working women's hostels of Saket and Hauz Khas in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and also action taken to withdraw the hike;

(c) whether there has been any increase in the security deposit of inmates this year in these hostels;

(d) whether any approval was sought before raising the security deposit and if so, waht are the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take steps to give nominal representation of the inmates in the Governing Bodies of these hostels; and

(f) if not, what other steps Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of working women in these hostels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) A Statement is enclosed. (*See below*).

(c) There is no provision for security deposits in the Scheme of Working Women's Hostels. However, in the representation, the residents of Saket hostel have alleged that the management are charging security deposit which was proposed to be further enhanced by Rs. 350/-.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) The Scheme of Working Women's Hostels envisages the constitution of a Hostel Committee for the management of the hostel giving representation to the State Government/Union Territory Administration to safeguard the interests of the working women in the hostels.

Statement

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The residents of Working Women's Hostels, Saket run by Young Women's Association, New Delhi represented to the Government on 12 January 1987 against the hike in the rent by Rs. 50/- per month with effect from 1 January, 1987. According to the Scheme of Working Women's Hostels, as approved by the Government of India, the hostel management could charge rent from the residents at a rate not exceeding 10 percent, 7 per cent and 5 per cent of the total emoluments in case of single, double and other type of accommodation respectively. The residents of the Saket hostel had alleged in their representation, that the management was charging rent at a flat rate, which was often exorbitant and which was now being enhanced. This was not in consonance with the Scheme.

The Government had already received representations from various voluntary organisations running working women's hostels to permit them to increase the rent, as they were finding it difficult to meet the expenditure on running the hostels. As such the Young Women's Association, New Delhi was advised on 15 January, 1987, to withdraw the orders for increase in rent, till a decision in this regard is taken by the Government. The Government of India has now amended the Scheme of Working Women's Hostel to allow the organisation to increase the Rent/Licence Fee from 10 to 15 per cent in case of single bed rooms; 7 to 10 per cent in case of double bed rooms and 5 to 7 1/2 per cent in case of other rooms with effect from 29 January 1987.